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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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RE: IB Docket No. 01-185 Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 20, 2002, I participated on behalf of Globalstar, L.P., in a meeting with Commissioner Michael Copps, his Legal Advisor Paul Margie, and representatives of other satellite companies regarding various satellite companies' positions on the need for "gating requirements" for the ancillary terrestrial component ("ATC") of Mobile-Satellite Service ("MSS") systems.

I stated that Globalstar, L.P., believes that the Commission already has sufficient authority to achieve its regulatory objectives with respect to ensuring ATC remains ancillary to MSS. Specifically, the existing regulatory requirements and review of satellite applications should ensure that each MSS licensee will launch, operate and maintain a robust satellite system. For such a system, there will be economic incentives to promote satellite services actively and to offer satellite services to subscribers in various markets.

If an additional gating requirement is deemed necessary related to the ATC handset, then Globalstar, L.P., would support making all end-user ATC handsets capable, either directly or through the combination of components that are designed to be combined, of transmitting and receiving communications via the licensee's satellite platform. For MSS and ATC services and products to be attractive to consumers in the marketplace and commercially viable, the licensees must be able to decide whether to offer subscribers component systems and, if so, in what configurations.

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Respectfully submitted,

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